(a) the total number of LPG connections issued in Gujarat during the last two years;

(b) the total number of LPG connections issued in the State during 1994-95 till date; and

(c) the number of LPG connections proposed to be issued during the remaining period of the financial year and also the plans to release the same during the next financial year in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The total number of LPG connections released in Gujarat during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (April—October, 1994) is as under:

| | Number of LPG connections released |
|---|---|
| 1992-93 . . . . | 38385 |
| 1993-94 . . . | 57475 |
| 1994-95 . . . . (April-October, 1994) | 76112 |

(c) 28635 more new connections are proposed to be released during November, 1994 to March, 1995 in the State of Gujarat. The target for the year 1995-96 for new connections to be released in the country has not yet been finalised.

**Grant of Full Statehood to Delhi**

*18. O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has since received recommendations from Delhi Goverment for the grant of full statehood to Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) A resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly of National Capital Territory of Delhi has been received recommending grant of statehood to Delhi. The question of an appropriate structure for the admiistration of the National Capital was considered by the Committee on Reorganisation of Delhi Set-up, commonly known as Balakrishnan Committee. After the most careful consideration of the matter, the Committee concluded "that it will not be in the National interest and in the interest of Delhi itself, to restructure the set-up in Delhi as a full fledged constituent State of the Union". In view of this reocmmedaion and since the Central Government has to discharge special duties and responsibilities in relation to the National Capital, it was not considered feasible in larger national interest to grant Delhi full fledged statehood.

**Supply of Medicines to the Patients Suffering from Malaria in Rajasthan**

*19. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have supplied sufficient drugs to be distributed to the people affected by malaria in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn into the allegations that such drugs have reached to the hands of corrupt officials forcing the poor patients to buy them from the market;

(d) if so, the details thereof and what steps were taken by the Central Government to ensure that the medicines are reached to the people in the affected areas free of cost?